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IMPORTANT NOTICE AND REMINDER! Remember when QSLing, the U.S. Postal Service will increase their rate effective **January 1, 1999**, from **32** to **33 cents**. Some operations who are active now may not send their cards out until the first of the new year. Please do not short change U.S. QSL Managers by putting a 32 cent stamp on the return envelope.

4S7, SRI LANKA. Kamal, **4S7AB**, a 25 year old electronics engineering undergraduate living in Colombo, is completing his final year and during his leisure he likes to chase DX. He states that he is active on the HF bands and satellites. He has been found recently on 14190 kHz at 0215z and 14260 kHz around 1500z.

7Q, MALAWI. Les, **7Q7LA**, has returned here and is active mainly on CW. His activity includes operations on the WARC bands. Check 24891 kHz around 1415z. QSL via G0IAS (direct only).

8Q, MALDIVES. Lee, G0ULN, reports that he will be here as **8Q7LE** from **December 22nd to January 13th**. His activity will be only SSB, and he suggests to look for him on the usual IOTA frequencies. QSL via the bureau or direct to his CBA.

9M2, WEST MALAYSIA. "The 59(9) DXReport" states Dick, N4ISV, will **QRT** as **9M2RY** in **December** and return to the USA. QSL via N4JR.

A3, TONGA (Help needed!). Paul, **A35RK**, is looking for some help. He needs someone to hand-carry a new rig and antenna parts to Tonga, and also carry broken radios back to the States for repair. If anyone is contemplating a trip to Tonga soon, and is willing to help, please contact Paul's QSL Manager (Bob Preston, W7TSQ) at: w7tsq@aol.com In exchange for this assistance, Paul will provide free room and board at his family's guesthouse for one week and

the use of his radio station on **Lifuka Island (IOTA OC-169)**.

A5, BHUTAN. Last week we forgot to mention in Jim Smith's (VK9NS) announcement that HIDXA has returned all the A5 donations due to his **postponed trip**, that was mainly due to the bad weather and storm damage on Norfolk Island.

AH2, GUAM. The members of Guam Contest Club will once again be active from here during the upcoming **CQWW CW Contest**. The club built an Oceanic record in the Multi-Single category in last year's CQ World Wide DX Contest (CW) and plans to participate in the same category to increase their score. Operators Toshi/JR7OMD/WI3O, Hiro/JH0USD and Sassy/JR0BQD will use the callsign **AH2R** during the contest. Guam Island (KH2) is on Zone 27 and has an IOTA of **OC-026**. They report that the Sunrise/Sunset is: 2026/0751z. QSL via JI3ERV (Do NOT send to KH2 Bureau).

BQ9P, PRATAS. Active now on all bands **until November 19th**. QSL via KU9C.

CORRECTION TO OPDX.380. Herik, FR5DX, states under the TO150 DXPEDITION: "Le Piton des Neiges" is not an island off of REUNION, but the highest summit of the REUNION island culminating at 3069 meters over the Indian Ocean.

E30HA WRAP UP! Zoli, HA5PP, informed OPDX this past weekend that he has just returned from E3 land and states that he would like to go back as soon as possible (with a better rig). Zoli reports he made a total of 13,000 QSOs (3000 USA QSOs) and 8300 on 10 meters. He is interested and looking for some to help in printing his E30HA's QSLs.

EA6, BALEARIC ISLAND. The following operators will be active as **EA6IB** from **Ibiza Island** during **CQWW CW Contest**: EA3AIR/Julio, EA3AJW/Jaume, EA3ALV/Xavier, EA3DU/Sergio, EA3GJO/Jesus, EA3KU/Fernando, EA5BM/Joan and EA6ACC/Josep. The group will also be supported by the EA6IB team (Seccion Local de URE Ibiza). The QSL route for this contest is: Fernando Martinez, P.BOX 69, L'Ametlla de Mar 43860, Tarragona, Spain.

EP, IRAN. The "DX News Sheet" reports that Mohammed, **EP3PTT**, is often active between 1100 and 1400z, SSB, on 21265 kHz. OPDX has found that he has also been heard on 14195 kHz at 1315z. QSL direct.

FT5W, CROZET ISLAND. "The Daily DX" reports that Gilles, F5AGL, will be a member of the 1998/1999 mission here starting around **December, 1998, or January, 1999**. Reports indicate that he should be active on the air as **FT6WH**. QSL via F6KDF.

GU6, GUERNSEY. Don, G3XTT, (life member of the Cambridge University Wireless Society, G6UW) reports that he plans to be a Single-Op/All-band entry in **CQWW CW Contest** from the Guernsey Amateur Radio Society station signing **GU6UW**. He does not anticipate any activity outside the contest other than a minimal amount of testing. QSL to his home call, direct or via RSGB bureau: Don Field, G3XTT, 105 Shiplake Bottom, Peppard Common, Henley on Thames, RG9 5HJ, England.

HS, THAILAND. The "DX News Sheet" reports that the Thai PTD are again allowing stations to be active on **160 and 80 meters** in the **CQWW CW Contest**. Due to antenna limitations, only **HS7AS**, **HS0AC** and **E22AAA** are expected to be active on those bands. QSL HS7AS and

HS0AC direct and E22AAA via HS1CHB.

JT1, MONGOLIA. Details from a press release by Tim, N4GN, reports that the "South China Sea DX Team" (SCSDXT) has departed from the shorelines of the South China Sea and is crossing the snow and ice to reach Ulanbaatar, Mongolia, and make CQ Zone 23 available in the **CQWW CW Contest**. An agreement has been signed with MRSF, the Mongolian IARU Society, to team up with their folks in downtown Ulanbaatar to put **JT1A** into the Multi-Single category. The travelling operators are OH1RX, OH2BE, OH2BH and OH8PF, and they are bringing Yaesu FT1000MP and Alpha firepower with them. This visiting team will arrive on **November 26th** and close down on Tuesday morning, **December 1st**, to take their flight back to Beijing, China. QSL this JT1A operation via Jouko Hayrynen, OH1RX, callbook address.

KH7, HAWAII. The "DX News Letter" reports that Chad, WE9V, will operate as **KH7R** in the **CQWW DX CW Contest**. He will be on the air as **KH6/WE9V** from Ken's (KH7R) QTH especially on the lowbands between **November 18th and December 3rd**. QSL via WE9V.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- The log server is now working for the E30GA operation. Try the WEB page: <http://no4j.com/nfdxa/logs/e30ga.htm>
- **4N9BQ** was Laci, YU7BW, on **St. Nikola Island** (Yugoslavia, IOTA EU-163). QSL via YU7BW.
- Mike, **KH0AS**, has a new QSL Manager. Jim, WB4UBD, will handle the task. For those who have not received your cards yet, Jim states, "Please be patient and do not resend at this time. I have logs in hand and expect to have the backlog in the mail by mid-November. Just a reminder - if you have submitted cards to Mike 'via bureau', he probably never received them. There is no Incoming Bureau for KH0 and ARRL policy (per their web site) is that they 'no longer hold cards for countries with no Incoming Bureau'." Jim also mentions that Mike has capability for all modes and hopes to be particularly active on RTTY as family life and work permit. QSL to WB4UBD at CBA.
- QSLs for **LU7EC** should be sent to: "Luc" Sarmiento, S/N C.P. 2703, Carabelas, Argentina (or via the bureau).
- The Logs for **S92YN** and **S92YV** (October 26th through November 7th, 1998) are now available at: <http://ab5eh-lin.tamucc.edu/~hb9cyn/Searchlog.html>
- **TJ2RSF QSL route.** The QSL route for the TJ2RSF DXpedition is via EA4URE (official callsign from URE H.Q.). The URE is the Spanish Radiomateurs Association and has two addresses:
 - URE, Avda. Monte Igueldo 102, Madrid 28017, Spain -and-
 - URE, P.O. Box 220, Madrid 28080, SpainYou can also send your card via the bureau.
- The two day operation from China Guangzhou (Zone 24) by Hannes/DL3NEO on October 31st and November 1st, using the callsigns DL3NEO/**BY7KH** and DL3NEO/**BY7KF**, should only be QSLed via DL3NEO. The Bureau is preferred or send direct to: Hannes Schmidt, Komotauer Str. 28 B, D-91207 Lauf, Germany.
- Germano/**TG9IGI** has a new QSL Manager. Cards can be sent to I2MQP direct or via the Italian bureau. It has also been reported that Germano is preparing his station for RTTY activity.

SPECIAL EVENT. Glyn, GW0ANA, along with fellow members of the Barry Amateur Radio

Society will be recreating the first ever "Marine Distress Signal" ever sent by radio on **December 19th**. The group will be on board the **East Goodwin Lightship** in the middle of the English Channel 12 miles off the Kent coast from Dover. They will re-create the first ever "Distress Call" sent out 100 years ago by the Lightship East Goodwin in 1898 after she was rammed in fog by the SS Mathews.. Using a Marconi Spark gap transmitter that Marconi had only just sold to Trinity House, the first ever ship's radio operator sent out "CQD" because of this radio distress signal. The ship's company was saved from drowning on the Goodwin Sands. The callsign they will use at this historic recreation is **GB100EGL**, where the suffix stands for the East Goodwin Lightship. This callsign will only be active on December 19th. However, the Society will also be active at the South Foreland Lighthouse for a longer time. This is the other end of the link from East Goodwin Lightship. The callsign from the South Foreland Lighthouse is **GB100SFL** and it will be active from **December 18th to the 27th**. QSLs for GB100SFL and GB100EGL go to GW0ANA. These cards will be very special because they will represent the first time human life was saved by radio, and proved beyond a shadow of doubt that commercial radio was possible.

SPECIAL EVENT. In celebration of the **75th anniversary of the first transatlantic radio connection by W1MO and F8AB**, the French Telecommunication Authority has agreed to let certain French operators use the callsign **F8AB** for the night of **November 25th to November 26th**. The historical event took place on the night of November 26, 1923, around 0200z, between F.H. Schnell, W1MO, Hartford, Conn. USA and L. Deloy, F8AB, in Nice, France. In order to celebrate this anniversary, F8AB will be active from the Nice area starting 2000z on **November 25th** and will be operating until 0800z on the **November 26th**, on the following frequencies:

- **SSB** - 18140, 14240, 7070 and 3770 kHz
- **CW** - 1835, 3525, 7015 and 14035 kHz

Special attention will be paid to North America, but ALL callsigns will be answered! The F8AB callsign will also be used by the Bordeaux DX group for the **CQWW CW Contest**. A special QSL will be printed by the Clipperton DX Club. QSL Manager is F2VX. QSL via Bureau or direct.

VP5, TURKS CAICOS ISLANDS. Dave, K5GN, and XYL will visit VP5JM on Provo arriving **November 24th** and departing **December 1st**. They will be active on all bands as **VP5/K5GN**. Dave states that he may be able to do some activity on the WARC bands as well on request. He will operate on all bands in the **CQWW CW Contest** as **VP5GN**. QSL to K5GN.

WELL KNOWN DXER HEADS TO HONDURAS. Peter, ON6TT/5X1T was informed Friday, November 13th by his HQ that he will be leaving for Rome, Sunday morning to prepare a UN telecoms team leaving later next week for Honduras. Peter states that he will be in Honduras and neighbouring countries for a month, setting up the telecom team and getting things organized. He is currently looking for telnrns/addresses of active hams in Honduras, Guatemala and Nicaragua (preferably in the capitals). If you can help, reply to: peter.casier@wfp.org Peter reports, "Apparently the hurricane did quite some damage, so food is needed badly. Our UN organization is the one bringing in the food, transporting and distributing it. But without decent telecoms, it will be difficult. And there is not much telecom left."

XX9, MACAU (ZONE 24). Another SCSDXT member will be providing another multiplier in the upcoming **CQWW CW Contest**. Look for Pertti, OH2PM, to activate the famous **XX9X** station on all bands as a single operator during the contest. Look for warm-up activity from XX9 starting the weekend of **November 21-22nd**, as OH2BH helps Pertti line up the beams, tweak the amplifiers and prepare for the CQWW race. QSL this XX9X operation via Pertti Simovaara, OH2PM, callbook address.

XU, CAMBODIA. A multi-national team of DXpeditioners will conduct a special events DXpedition from the ancient temple city of **Angkor Wat** in the Siem Reap province of Cambodia, **November 26th through December 4th**. The DXpedition will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on all bands from 160 through 6 meters. A special call sign, **XU1A**, has been issued to the team. The team, which represents Japan, the USA, Finland, Sweden and Hong Kong, is headed up by Yasuo "Zorro" Miyazawa JH1AJT and includes Kimo Chun KH7U, Kazuhiko Fujita VR2KF, Hitoshi "Jin" Fujiwara JF1IST, Jan Hallenberg SM0DJZ, Masayuki Nakatani VR2MM, Erik Sjolund SM0AGD and Frank Smith AH0W/OH2LVG. They will be operating from within the shadows of Angkor Wat's majestic Bhuddist and Vishnu temples; some built well over 1000 years ago. The DXpedition will take place in conjunction with the Angkor Wat International Half Marathon. It involves several Olympic medalists, and is all in an effort to raise donations to assist Cambodia's victims of landmine accidents. The marathon and the DXpedition itself will be featured on Japanese television. In the noble spirit of promoting international friendship and goodwill through amateur radio, hams worldwide are invited to participate in this international humanitarian effort with their donations, large and small. Any such contributions received in support of this effort will be forwarded immediately to Cambodia for this purpose. Contributions maybe forwarded via JH1AJT. In the meanwhile, if DXers would wish to forward suggestions in regards to propagation (openings, times, bands) prior to the operation, please do so via the Midway-Kure DX Foundation: mkdxf@aztec.asu.edu -- QSL the XU1A DXpedition via JH1AJT.

XZ, MYANMAR. The Central Arizona DX Association and members of the XZ1N team continue to be busy assembling nearly a ton of equipment to return to "The Golden Land". They will operate from **Yangon**, Myanmar. Their activity from the Asian Zone 26 will take place between **November 21st through December 6th**, on 160-10 meters and all modes. QSL via W1XT. The XZ1N WEB site can be found at: <http://ng7m.qrq.com/~xz1n/>

Z21, ZIMBABWE. Dick/ZS6CAL and Dave/ZS6RVG intend to operate as **Z21/ZS6PDX** from **December 17th to December 20th**. They will operate mainly SSTV and RTTY on the 10, 15 and 20 meters bands. QSL via ZS6RVG. Dave requests that if there are any direct QSLs, to PLEASE send them only in the new year to avoid the Christmas postal QRM. All cards not answered direct by the first of March, 1999, will be sent to the ZS bureau.

ZP5, PARAGUAY. Jon, KE9NA, states that he has finalized his trip here and will be operational as **ZP5/KE9NA** from **November 18th through November 22nd**. Acitivity will mainly be SSB on 15 meters and 10 meters during the evening hours. QSL to home call direct or via Bureau.

SPECIAL NOTE FROM THE EDITOR. Please send all DX announcements/information **"ONLY"** to the addresses below and **"NOT"** to the distribution InterNet address of: dxinfo@barf80.nshore.org

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<http://www.intercom.es/qtc/qtcopdx.htm>

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